

## HOUSE BILL NO. 252

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE APPLICATION OF CAMPAIGN LAWS TO  
5 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS; EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF "SPECIAL DISTRICT";  
6 AND AMENDING SECTION 13-37-206, MCA."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Section 13-37-206, MCA, is amended to read:  
11 **"13-37-206. Exception for certain school districts and certain special districts.** (1) The provisions  
12 of this part, except 13-37-217, do not apply to candidates for the office of trustee of a school district, their political  
13 ~~committees~~ campaigns, and political committees organized to support or oppose a school district issue when  
14 the school district is:

- 15 (a) a first-class district located in a county having a population of less than 15,000;  
16 (b) a second- or third-class district; or  
17 (c) a county high school district having a student enrollment of less than 2,000.

18 (2) The provisions of this part, except 13-37-217, do not apply to candidates for certain special district  
19 offices, their political ~~committees~~ campaigns, and political committees organized to support or oppose a special  
20 district issue, ~~when the special district~~

21 (3) As used in this section, "special district" means a unit of local government authorized by law to  
22 perform a single function or a limited number of functions. The term includes but is not limited to ~~is~~ a  
23 conservation district, a weed management district, a fire district, a community college district, a hospital district,  
24 an irrigation district, a sewer district, a transportation district, or a water district. The term also includes any  
25 district or other entity formed by interlocal agreement."

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27 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a  
28 copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell  
29 band of Chippewa.

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